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**Re: C00178418  
Boucher for Congress Committee  
12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/98 - 10/14/98)**

**Dear Ms. McCarthy:**

I am writing in response to your letter of December 22, 1998 regarding the Boucher for Congress Committee's Pre-General Report. I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

First, with regard to the employers and occupations of individuals who contributed to the Committee, please be advised that the Committee did not have the employer and occupation for many individuals at the time it filed its Pre-General Report for the following reason: The majority of contributions were received from a fundraising event hosted by a supporter without the Committee's involvement. In this particular case, the Committee did not coordinate the event with the host at all. The host handled all aspects of the event from refreshments to invitations. Because the Committee had no expectation of the amount of money to be raised at this event, there was no discussion about the need to obtain employer and occupation information in certain situations. The Committee simply had no idea that this event would generate numerous contributions exceeding \$200.

To further exacerbate matters, the contributions were received by the Committee on the last day of the Pre-General reporting period, October 14, 1998, thus preventing me from being able to gather the necessary employer and occupation information before filing the report.